

CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (withdrawn) The windshield umbrella can be used on any motor vehicle (i.e., car, truck, van, bus, etc.).
2. (withdrawn) The sole purpose of this invention is to be used as a safety device to improve the visibility of the driver during heavy rainstorms or inclement weather, improving the safety of the driver and other motorists. When used, this umbrella will protect the windshield from excessive rain, hail, sleet, etc. resulting in a clearer view of the road for the driver.
3. (withdrawn) The windshield umbrella will also alleviate pulling over to the side of the road while driving in a heavy rainstorm, due to vision impairment.
4. (withdrawn) The windshield umbrella of claim 2 will be adhere to the top of the roof of the vehicle, either as a permanent fixture, see fig. 1g & 1h or as a temporary self-mounting fixture, see fig. 1b & 1c. The umbrella is also wind resistant.
5. (withdrawn) The windshield umbrella of claim 2 will not be a replacement for windshield wipers. Wipers will aid with normal flow and can be used in conjunction with the windshield umbrella in circumstance when rain falls onto the windshield. The windshield umbrella is mainly in place to reduce the amount of vision impairment due to excess rainfall on the windshield during flashfloods and inclement weather.
6. (newly added) A device to divert rainwater from an automobile windshield comprising:
 - an umbrella, generally trapezoidal in shape and extending upwardly from said windshield;
 - a harness for storing said umbrella and installing upon the roof of an automobile; and,
 - means to extend and retract said umbrella from said harness;

whereby, a motorist within an automobile uses said extending and retracting means to position said umbrella as needed due to the weather.

7. (newly added) The device to divert rainwater of claim 6 further comprising:

said umbrella curving upward at least two inches above the roof of an automobile and extending outward at least ten inches from the joint of the roof and the windshield of an automobile.

8. (newly added) The device to divert rainwater of claim 6 further comprising:

a sunroof, generally centered in said harness and behind said umbrella when fully retracted into said harness.

9. (newly added) The device to divert rainwater of claim 6 wherein said extending and retracting means is an electric motor controlled by a switch upon the dashboard or steering column of an automobile.

10. (newly added) A device to divert rainwater from an automobile windshield comprising:

an umbrella, generally trapezoidal in shape and extending upwardly from said windshield;

two or more brackets connected to the roof of an automobile; and,
a harness for storing said umbrella, said harness being temporarily mounted upon said brackets;

whereby, a motorist extends or retracts said umbrella within said harness as needed due to the weather;

whereby, a motorist removes said umbrella and said harness when not needed during good weather and stores said umbrella and said harness within an automobile.

11. (newly added) The device to divert rainwater of claim 10 further comprising:

said umbrella curving upward at least two inches above the roof of an automobile and extending outward at least ten inches from the joint of the roof and the windshield of an automobile.